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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was in a full range of steady to weak. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand was somewhat mixed, mostly light to fair but still trading at supportive prices. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and usually available for the lighter weights. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings, which still included lighter weight graded loose shell eggs. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were usually adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-85	78-83
MEDIUM	55-63	58-60

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	37-39
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices were trending lower into next week. The market tone was about steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate and the lighter weight eggs were available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were irregular. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	57-72	62-64

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment remained mostly steady. Retail demand light to fairly good and seemed to be holding its own. Food service movement was average to good for this time of year. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate with mediums still more available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	88-93
LARGE	84.5-92	86-88
MEDIUM	60.5-67	63-65

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82.5-91	84-87
LARGE	81-89	82-85
MEDIUM	59.5-67	60-64

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was at best steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available with mediums in the longest position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	66-70

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices for all sizes declined 1 cent. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-89
LARGE	82-87
MEDIUM	60-67

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak. Asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo and 2-3 cents lower on all other sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand was light to moderate best where scattered features in progress. Offerings adequate overall.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week on jumbo 2 cents lower and 3 cents lower on extra large through small. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover limited feature activity. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 72. Ads in Southern California: major – none noted; smaller – 18 count large 137 and 20 pack brown 2 for 300.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	117
MEDIUM	92

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110-121
EXTRA LARGE	109-119
LARGE	104-107
MEDIUM	79-82

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329
LARGE	229-239
MEDIUM	199-209

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings, which still included lighter weight graded loose shell eggs. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were usually adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	66-68.5	68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	53-59	53
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week's trading. Demand, although improved as buyers were more active in seeking additional product than last week, was mostly moderate. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for irregular breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was generally steady at current prices. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 30, 2003 were 6 percent higher than the previous week, however 7 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	63-68	65-67
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	51-61	52-57
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 30-Aug-03

*\*Adjustment made to Liquid white and Inedible for previous week\**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,255,064	29,960	11,692	6,262	2,583	4,454
PW	1,226,600	30,193	10,939	5,900	2,367	4,246
LY	1,293,782	29,798	12,079	6,550	3,087	4,657
% CHG PW	2	-1	7	6	9	5
% CHG LY	-3	1	-3	-4	-16	-4
2003	40,387,251	981,867	369,497	202,378	82,746	146,214
2002	42,016,192	976,981	406,326	217,965	100,221	149,515
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2
	CURRENT		PREVIOUS		LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK		WEEK		YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.73		41.81		41.03	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.18		38.34		37.43	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 90 to 94 cents fob, mostly 90 cents fob, with pasteurized whites reported at 50 to 51cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg and whites and steady for yolk. Offerings were tight to adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate to available for yolk. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and mostly fair to fairly good for yolk. Most processors were reporting normal schedules for next week. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	6	62-64.5	63.08	-.78
WHITES	18	46-46.5	46.29	-.42
YOLKS	8	88-90	88.94	-.19

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, but unchanged to slightly lower on salt yolk and whole when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate with offerings often reported as in close balance to short of needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30 August 2003 were 6% more than the previous week, and 3% more than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	69-77	73-75	80-84
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		93-105
WHITES	54-58	56-58	61-69
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-105	99-104	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-102	96-100	102-108

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged with sugar and salt yolk lower. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all frozen products. Offerings were tight to barely adequate and most suppliers were holding confidently as inventories continued tight. Potential buyers were price shopping at this time with limited success. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	73-76.5	73-74	
WHITES	56-58	58	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	99-105	102-104	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-102	98-99	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were unchanged on whole, whites, and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/30 was 10% higher than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks generally adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)		RANGE
WHOLE		79-82
WHITES		61-64
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)		106-109
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)		103-106

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged on albumen and blends, unchanged to higher on whole, but lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen, steady to full steady on whole, and about steady to steady on yolks. Demand was moderate to good, but not active. Offerings continued to be short on albumen and whole, but negotiable and slightly more available on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30 August 2003 were 9% more than the previous week, but 16% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% less than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	2.55-3.00	MOSTLY 2.70-2.85
YOLKS	2.20-2.70	MOSTLY 2.25-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.25-4.75	MOSTLY 4.34-4.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.89-2.05	MOSTLY 1.95-2.05

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2003-AUGUST 28, 2003**

CURRENT LOADS 81.75								FUTURE LOADS 47.00								TOTAL LOADS 128.75							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	66.00	—	66.88	69.00	—	—	11.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	85.50	—	—	—	91.50	3.00	GL W J	—	85.50	—	—	—	91.50	3.00
GL W XL	74.50	75.57	76.83	77.33	70.38	69.00	43.50	GL W XL	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	80.21	21.75	GL W XL	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	80.21	21.75
GL W LG	—	75.05	75.00	76.67	68.74	69.00	32.50	GL W LG	70.91	75.33	—	—	—	77.88	30.00	GL W LG	70.91	75.33	—	—	—	77.88	30.00
GL W MD	—	53.00	47.67	49.88	47.38	50.08	14.50	GL W MD	48.50	54.40	—	—	54.00	55.40	8.50	GL W MD	48.50	54.40	—	—	54.00	55.40	8.50
GL W SM	37.25	39.75	33.60	35.20	33.00	35.00	5.75	NRBS - 48	61.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	61.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	3.00	NRBS - 45	58.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 45	58.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	64.20	65.20	—	67.94	19.25	NRBS - 39	37.00	37.75	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	37.00	37.75	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	31.00	56.50	7.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Demand ranged light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	7-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were unchanged. Offerings were adequate into traditional processors and tighter into rendering operations. Demand was light to moderate. Opinions of values were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11.75	6.25-10.25

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Offerings were adequate overall.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	88.50	88.00	63.00
SOUTHEAST	85.50	83.50	62.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	59.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	87.00	64.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.95	84.86	62.10
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS			

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were slightly higher on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate. Trading was light to fair at best. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-24	28-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31-38 MAJORITY 35-37

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 23-Aug-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,256	1,538	2,794
LAST WEEK	1,225	1,483	2,708
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,779	1,650	3,429
TO-DATE/2003	51,944	47,098	99,042
TO-DATE/2002	60,042	46,838	106,880

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	151	7	158
LAST WEEK	127	0	127
SAME WEEK YR AGO	203	4	207
TO-DATE/2003	8,389	122	8,511
TO-DATE/2002	10,615	229	10,844

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,407	1,545	2,952
LAST WEEK	1,352	1,483	2,835
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,982	1,654	3,636
TO-DATE/2003	60,333	47,220	107,553
TO-DATE/2002	70,657	47,067	117,724

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	255	458	10,767
Frozen	0	0	96
Dried	28	18	370
Total	283	476	11,233

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	94	131	3,901
Frozen	53	39	2,037
Dried	0	120	904
Total	147	290	6,842

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	17	33	290
Extra Large	1,840	750	17,757
Large	4,070	1,858	70,125
Medium	1,140	1,163	41,723
Ungraded	8,630	2,310	76,776
Misc	800	90	6,282
Total	16,497	6,204	212,953

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)****SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
AM 08/01/03	3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG	445	4172	-556
PCT CHG	13%	2%	-1%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	21 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	756 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	640 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 30-Aug-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.6	22.9	3	36
BOSTON	3.3	3.5	-6	-6
CHICAGO	69.5	58.2	19	38
DETROIT	29.6	36.4	-19	9
KANSAS CITY	4.4	4.1	7	5
LOS ANGELES	88.4	78.8	12	4
NEW ORLEANS	11.0	14.0	-21	24
NEW YORK	29.3	28.5	3	-9
ST. LOUIS	17.4	17.3	1	16
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	20.5	12	-2
TOTAL	299.5	284.2	5	12
4 WK MVG AVG	291.7			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 30-Aug-03

**(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.9	4	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	561.5	1	1
W.N. CENTRAL	287.6	0	4
S. ATLANTIC	174.7	-7	9
S. CENTRAL	98.2	1	17
WEST	184.2	5	-4
TOTAL	1525.1	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

02-Sep-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	138	134	90	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	131-135	127-131	83-87	49-53
MOSTLY	133-134	129-130	85-86	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	137-141	133-137	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	137	133	89	55
VERMONT	140-141	135-137	90-93	-
MOSTLY	141	137	93	-

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